

**REMARKS**

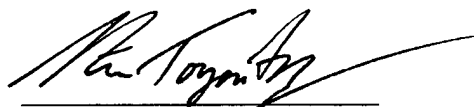
Applicant cancels non-elected claims 17-29 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Therefore, the application is now in condition for allowance with claims 1-16, and such action is hereby requested.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 18-2220. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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